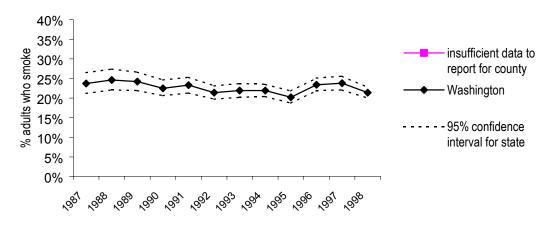
# Skamania County Population =10,200 (27% under age 18)

### **Adult Tobacco Use**

**Current Cigarette Smoking (1987-1998)** 



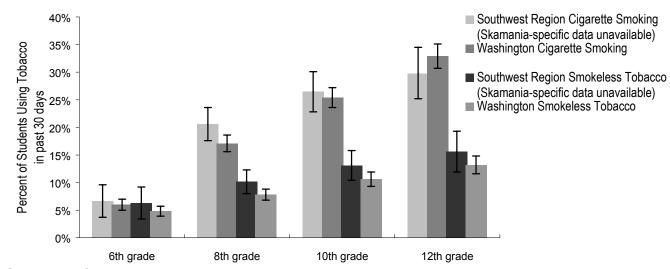
### **Current Smokeless Tobacco Use (1993-1997)**

Skamania County Washington State Entire adult population data not available 2.9% (95%CI:2.5,3.8)

Males only

5.7% (95%CI:5.0,6.5)

# Youth Tobacco Use (1998)



# Summary of the problem

- ☐ More data collection is needed to describe tobacco use among Skamania County adults.
- ☐ Youth cigarette use in the Southwest Region shows elevations above the state rate among younger age groups, but not among 12<sup>th</sup> graders; youth smokeless tobacco use is elevated for all age groups. Southwest Regional data presented may not be representative of Skamania County, as Skamania County uses a different school-based survey for assessing youth health/risk behaviors. More data collection is needed to describe youth tobacco use in Skamania County.
- ☐ Maternal smoking during pregnancy is generally higher than the state rate. Skamania County is among the highest-risk counties in the state for maternal smoking during pregnancy.
- Retailer compliance appears better than the state as a whole, but more checks are needed to generate reliable estimates.



# Estimated number of current adult and youth smokers who will die prematurely as a result of tobacco use:600

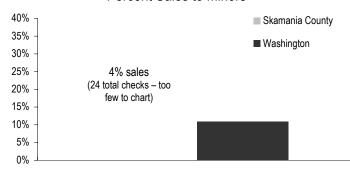
# **Smoking During Pregnancy (1987-1998)**

# Skamania County Washington Washington Washington

Infants born annually to mothers who smoke during pregnancy: 22 Data not shown for years where more than 20% of smoking information is missing.

# Minors Access to Tobacco (1998-1999)

#### Percent Sales to Minors



Number of tobacco retailers in county: 13

Data are not charted when fewer than 50 compliance checks were completed.

Health at Risk (Estimated numbers for county)

Adults who currently smoke	1,700	
Adults who currently use smokeless tobacco	200	
Youth who currently smoke	200	
Youth who currently use smokeless tobacco	100	
ESTIMATED ANNÚAL DEATHS DUE TO TOBACCO USE	10	

# **Current Tobacco Prevention and Control Program Activities**

Highlights during 1999 in Clark and Skamania Counties

- ✓ Trained 110 peer educators, who then reached over 1,200 5th/6th grade students with tobacco prevention information
- ✓ Became lead agency to coordinate "Youth & Schools Task Force" that brings together middle and high school nurses/counselors. Work includes peer education coordination, sharing youth cessation resources, youth possession information sharing.

# **Annual Funding for Program** (12-month funding amounts, FY 1999)

Source	Amount	Agency receiving funding
Youth Access (Retailer License Fees)	\$ 703	Southwest Washington Health District
CDC Grant	\$ 2,250	Southwest Washington Health District
Total Per Capita Funding	\$ .29	CDC Recommended Community Per Capita Funding: \$.70-2.00

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TECHNICAL NOTES: (ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION IN APPENDIX B)

TOTAL DEATHS DUE TO TOBACCO USE ARE ESTIMATED AS 19% OF ALL DEATHS (MCGINNIS AND FOEGE 1993); "DUMBBELL" BARS AROUND DATA POINTS FOR SURVEY DATA REPRESENT 95% CONFIDENCE INTERVALS – THE TRUE VALUE MAY BE ANYWHERE WITHIN THE BARS, BUT MAY NOT BE EXACTLY AT THE DATA POINT; NUMBER OF ADULTS/YOUTH WHO WILL DIE PREMATURELY FROM TOBACCO USE IS ESTIMATED AS 33% OF CURRENT ADULT SMOKERS (MMWR 1996), AND 21% OF CURRENT YOUTH SMOKERS –WHO MAY 'GROW OUT OF' SMOKING BEHAVIOR (USDHHS 1994); "CURRENT ADULT/YOUTH TOBACCO USERS" ARE SYNTHETIC ESTIMATES BASED ON STATEWIDE AGE-SPECIFIC PREVALENCE; FUNDING LEVELS FOR COUNTIES WERE CALCULATED BASED ON DEDICATED YOUTH TOBACCO PREVENTION FUNDS AND CDC FUNDS MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – COUNTIES MAY SUCCESSFULLY SEEK ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR TOBACCO CONTROL FROM OTHER SOURCES; "HIGHLIGHTS DURING 1999" WERE IDENTIFIED BY LOCAL PROGRAM STAFF; "CDC RECOMMENDED FUNDING" IS BASED ON BEST PRACTICES FOR TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAMS (CDC 1999).